

REMARKS

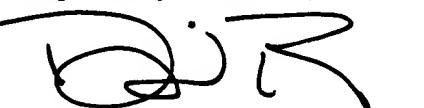
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following remarks.

Independent claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended to further distinguish the presently claimed invention from the art of record with respect to placement of the high-side and low-side switching circuits simultaneously in an off-state. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and drawings.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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